

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig. 1 and Fig. 7. These sheets, which include Fig. 1 and Fig. 7, replace the respective original sheets for Fig. 1 and Fig. 7.

The marked-up sheets showing the changes made to the drawings are each labeled "Annotated Sheet" with the corrections in red. The attached sheets showing the replacement drawings of Fig. 1 and Fig. 7 are each labeled "Replacement Sheet".

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-39 are pending of which claims 1, 6, 10, 15, 19, 21, 22, 26, 30, 34, 38 and 39 are independent. Claims 1-2, 6, 10-11, 15, 19-22, 26, 30, 34 and 38-39 have been amended. Claims 1-39 are allowed pending corrections to objections raised in the claims and in the drawings.

II. Objections to the Drawings

Fig. 1 is objected to for containing "INTER SYMBOLS" as opposed to "INNER SYMBOLS". Fig. 7 is objected to for associating "INTEGRATION AND DUMP" with numerals 709 and 711, as opposed to associating "SORTERS" with numerals 709 and 711.

Fig. 1 and Fig. 4 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, the Examiner is kindly requested to withdraw the objections.

III. Claim Objections

Certain claims are objected to for containing informalities, such as lacking antecedent basis, or not using "the" when referring back a term already recited.

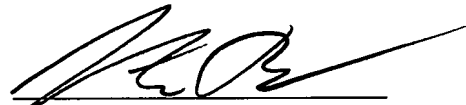
Claims 1-2, 6, 10-11, 15, 19-22, 26, 30, 34 and 38-39 have been amended to address the objections in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, the Examiner is kindly requested to withdraw the objections.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Should any/additional fees be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

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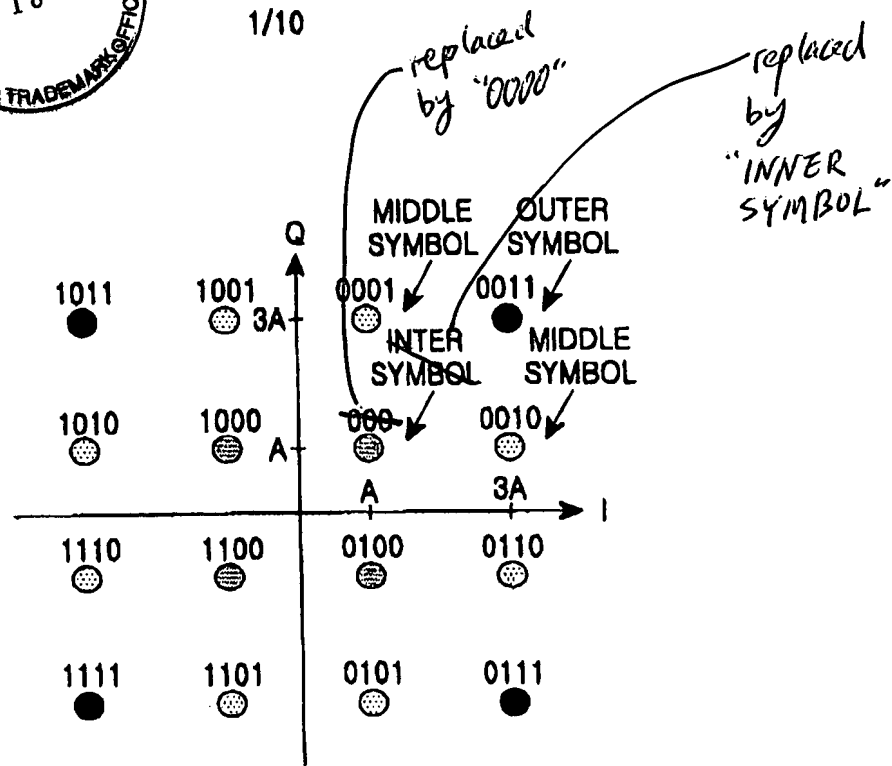


FIG.1

